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1. At the morning meeting Paul Borel talked about a DD/I publication called the "Current Intelligence Reporting List." As far as I could tell, no one had ever heard of this. (I would like to look into this a little further and be briefed by the DD/I at a later date.)

2. I talked with Walt Elder and also with Peer DeSilva about Peer's new job as Chairman of the Vietnam Task Force. It has been made quite clear that he will report to the DDCI and DCI and not through any Deputy Director.

3. I talked to Walt Elder regarding the following items:

a. I gleaned a little more information from Walt about the role of Bruce Clarke. It is my understanding that he is to brief the Director each morning at 0645 hours except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays when it will be at 0745.

b. Walt advised me of the existence of a White House panel that Mr. Hornig, Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, is setting up which will consider, among other things, NRO problems. In this connection, Dick Helms called to say he had had a call from Mac Bundy protesting the complication of listing so many security clearances after the name of each member of this panel. Bundy requested that we come up with some scheme to simplify this problem and will send a note along these lines. Dick was very much in sympathy with Bundy's position, and I directed Howard Osborn to get cracking on this problem. He thought that they could come up with something fairly promptly. In fact, they tried to simplify the system a couple of years ago and got so much static that the whole thing was put on ice. Perhaps with Bundy's assistance we can overcome the resistance this time.

4. [] was in to brief me on the workings of USIB. He left some very useful papers to which I might refer later in connection with the various USIB committees and subcommittees. I agreed that a copy of

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5. I was briefed by Phil Edwards on the activities of the Historical Staff and "Studies in Intelligence." Phil thinks that Dick Helms is probably not too keen about the "Studies in Intelligence." I asked him to give some thought to how we might make a meaningful consumer survey to determine the use to which these Studies are put and the value which is placed upon them. Kirk had urged strongly that the study and publication of intelligence literature be continued. (As a matter of urgency I should arrange to have one of the members of the Studies group assume the chairmanship so that the effort can be continued at least for the present.) I gathered from Phil that, despite the competence of those on this staff, most of the people actually located there because they were placement problems. According to him, they are fully occupied and doing a good job. I was not able to get a clear idea as to just what has been written to date or what is planned for the future. I asked him to supply me with this information prior to his leave at the end of the month. Phil hopes to get his staff together in one location in the building. I told him that I thought this might be possible around the end of the year, but that I wanted to give some consideration to moving them to the Rosslyn area. While I am sure it is convenient for them to be here, it would seem to me that they might well operate from a location away from Headquarters more easily than other Agency components.

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